INCOMING COAL is handled by a dumper that flips up to 100-ton coal cars to empty them at Vepco's Chesterfield Power Station.

AFTER THE COAL SPILLS from the car into a hopper, it is carried up a long conveyor belt to the crusher before it is added to the 490,000 tons of coal now on hand at Vepco's Chesterfield Power Station.

THE COAL PILE AT VEPCO'S Chesterfield Power Station has been expanded to about an 82-day supply. Chesterfield has a coal generating capability of 991,000 kilowatts -- or enough power to serve more than 400,000 homes. The station uses about 6,000 tons of coal a day.

COAL FACTS

Vepco has a total of seven coal fired generating units located at three power stations. All are "based load" stations--in service continually except during scheduled maintenance.

Coal accounts for approximately 36 per cent of Vepco's total generation. Nuclear stations account for about 24 per cent, and oil for about 37 per cent, with hydro and other accounting for the remainder.

The following chart can be used to determine specific facts about the individual coal fired stations.

Coal Fired Power Stations: Mount Storm 3 units; Chesterfield 2 units; Bremo 2 units. Location: Mount Storm, 70 miles SW of Keyser, W. Va.; Chesterfield, South of Richmond; Bremo, South of Charlottesville on the James River. Generating Capacity: Total system generating capability = 8,696 megawatts - Mount Storm, 1666 megawatts; Chesterfield, 991 megawatts; Bremo, 235 megawatts. **Present Coal Supply - Mount Storm, 85 days; Chesterfield, 77 days; Bremo, 85 days.

**Vepco normally has about 60 days reserve coal supply at each station. In May, 1977 the company authorized coal stockpiles to be maintained to at least 75 days supply. The 75-day figure was chosen because of Vepco's generating mix. It was felt that a 75-day supply would be adequate to meet the system's generating needs in light of the possibility of a coal miners work stoppage in December.

Approximate amount of coal used each day: 14,000 tons, Mount Storm; 6,00 tons, Chesterfield; 1,600 tons, Bremo.

**Average cost of delivered coal: Mount Storm, *$21.50/ton;Chesterfield, $37.80/ton; Bremo $35.50/ton.

*At this time Mt. Storm is a 'mine mouth' station, built in the coal fields of West Virginia in order to utilize lower costing coal and reduce transportation costs.

**The cost of coal for the stations shown above varies for two major reasons: 1. Quality. The coal used must meet clean air standards which differ according to the location of the station and at the same time be compatible with the efficiency of the station.

2. The distance the coal must be transported.

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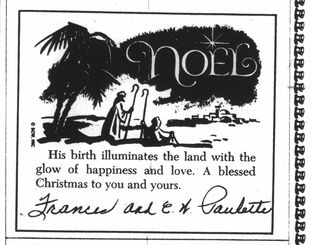
MRS. GEORGE'S 4-H CLASS

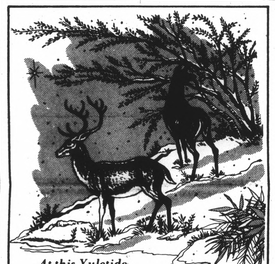
We played games. We said the pledge. We saw a film. We talked about shows.

The word corn originally referred to all the grains that were used as food for men or horses.



His birth illuminates the land with the glow of happiness and love. A blessed Christmas to you and yours.

Frances and E. H. Paulette



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On behalf of Margaret, Gay, and myself, we would like to thank you for your support during our first year of business. We hope you and your family will have a joyous Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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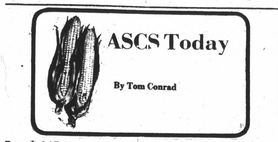


ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

Record of All Acreage is Called For In Current Support Program - About two-thirds of the farmers in Appomatox County have responded to the call for crop certification that makes them eligible to participate in 1978 programs.

I encourage the remaining one-third to do so as soon as possible. The new farm law provides target price, disaster and loan benefits for every producer of these program commodities, wheat, and feed grains. But participation in these programs depends upon producers certifying all 1977 crop acreage. We are not receiving everyone's crop information probably because some have not previously had to certify before receiving consideration for loans, disaster or low yield payments.

Originally, the final date for reporting was Dec. 15, 1977, but this final reporting date has now been extended to Jan. 16, 1978.

ASCS Official Discusses Feed Grain Program - "To be eligible for loans, target price guarantees and disaster coverage, farmers must set aside 10 percent of their feed grain acreage in 1978," Victor A. Senechal, an official of USDA's ASCS, said. Discussing the provisions of the conditional 1978 feed grain program, he said, the main reason for the set-aside provision was the supply situation.

"We had a record production of feed grains in 1977. In the case of corn, our stocks are expected to increase by nearly 400 million bushels. We expect our total feed grain carryover supply to be 48 million tons at the end of this marketing year," Senechal said.

He pointed out that prices had dropped during recent months to a point where they were below loan levels.

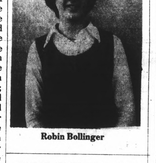
The ASCS official said the set-aside requirement could be cancelled at any time. "If we saw there was no great need for it, we could cancel the set-aside requirement. The grain situation will be reviewed before spring planting time, and we will take a look at our supply situation at that time. We will probably have a better indication on exports and domestic utilization by then."

Participation in the feed grain program is voluntary. "We do not plan to make any payments for diverting land. In other words, there will be no payments for not producing, as we've been accused of in some of the past programs that we've operated," Senechal said.

The benefits that a farmer will get from participating in the program will be a $2.10 target price and a $2.00 loan rate for corn, and disaster payments if he has a crop loss. Target prices and loan levels have not yet been established for barley and sorghum. Oats are not included in the 1978 program.

Robin Bollinger Outstanding F.H.A. Officer For December

The outstanding officer for the month of December has been very active in all FHA activities since becoming an officer. Here is a list of some of the things she has done. She attended the state conference in June for one day; she helped plan, prepare, and set up the educational booth for the Five County Fair; She helped plan and present one of the me-shops at the federation mini-conference in Altavista; She helped plan, prepare and serve the faculty luncheon and provided floral centerpieces for the tables; She helped serve the FFA Hub Federation dinner; She took up money for the volleyball tournament; She helped serve the Little League banquet. She went to Skateland.



Robin Bollinger

Your outstanding officer tor the month of December is Robin Bollinger.

Congratulations Robin!

HOLIDAY TIME SAVER

When cooking, double your favorite recipe and serve one half. Freeze the second for a pressured day. You'll have your dinner in just the time it takes to heat it up!

New touches bring color to Christmas table

Every day can be a holiday through the Christmas season. A little imagination goes a long way in keeping your family full of that festive spirit . . .

Sprinkle a touch of candied fruit into hot oatmeal for a breakfast treat.

Give your favorite fruit salad that holiday look with a sprinkle of pomegranate seeds.

Cut bells from slices of canned cranberry sauce when serving.

Candy canes make flavorful stirrers in cups of hot cocoa or tea.

Year-round favorite casseroles have a holiday look topped with a cheese star.

Place a waxed paper stencil of a Christmas tree over a bowl of potatoes or rice . . . sprinkle with chopped parsley . . . remove stencil.

Pimento poinsettias make colorful garnishes on any one of many dishes or bordering a filled platter.

Addressing a long list of Christmas cards can really be fun! Gather the family around the table and keep them happily at work with cookies and hot fruit punch!

Ever try pancakes poured onto the griddle in Christmas tree shapes? It takes a steady hand and concentration, but think how they'll delight your family.

Original holiday decorations add to merriment!

For a shimmering effect, swag long strips of tinsel at the top of your windows, over whatever curtains or drapes are already there. Add glistening Christmas tree balls and you'll have a picture window that is lovely inside and out.

For a festive indoor window-sill box, fill a long planter with evergreens and tuck bright tinsel flowers thickly through the greens. You might also want to stand this Christmas garden on a long book shelf.

Hang a silver metal lettuce basket in some unexpected corner of your house, filled with large and small balls of colored yarn accented with gleaming Christmas tree balls . . . all silver would be spectacular!

A simple and sophisticated table centerpiece can be a conversation piece when entertaining. Fill a glass hurricane chimney with cranberries, kumquats or crab apples and top with a tuft of graceful seasonal greenery. Flanked by graceful candles it is a lovely sight. If you're lucky enough to have a mantelpiece, this colorful arrangement will look charming on it as well.

Tempting scent to holiday candles

You have only to light a candle to fill your home with the tempting smells of holiday fare. Cranberries, gingerbread, nut bread waft through the air whetting family appetites. Hollyberry and fresh pine scented candles add to natural greenery and give an elegant touch to a mantle or dinner table. Scented candles, newly available, add to the festive mood of Christmas. To make candles last through the holiday season here are some suggestions:

★ Tapers on a dinner table should be at lip or chin level. The soft glow is flattering to all.

★ When blowing candles out hold your finger in front of the flame to keep the hot wax from spattering.

★ Scratching through the outer layer of wax with your fingernail, will release additional fragrance from scented candles.

★ Store candles by laying them flat in a dark, dry place. For slow and even burning, place candles in refrigerator overnight before using.

May you share the wondrous tidings of this Holy Season.
Merry Christmas and sincerest thanks.

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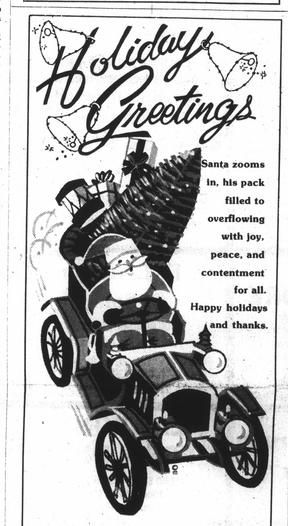

Santa zooms in, his pack filled to overflowing with joy, peace, and contentment for all.

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Women's lib endorses green Christmas

For about 35 years both men and women have been sentimentally dreaming of a "White Christmas." The poignant message of Irving Berlin's popular song is dear to us all, at holiday time. However, a Green Christmas is an ancient custom and more universally observed.

At pagan winter festivals in early times, winter flowering plants and evergreens were prized for their promise of the return of the sun and of spring. Holly and ivy are part of that ancient heritage and were extolled in an old Christmas carol "The Holly and the Ivy."

As far back as those ancient pagan games, holly was characterized as masculine, ivy as feminine. At a later date, it was decided that spiney-leaved hollies are "he" and smooth-leaved hollies are "she."

Depending on the kind of holly brought home at the holidays, it was determined whether he or she would be head of the house, the New Year!

Womens libbers will undoubtedly be corner-ing the market on smooth-leaved holly this happy holiday season!

A Festive Name

"Merry Christmas" in June? September? It is for a lovely young lady in Sacramento, California, whose name is truly Merry Cheree Christmas!

In answer to endless inquiries and as many jokes, this charming young woman never tires of explaining that her name really is Merry Christmas, and is spelled just that way. She is used to people thinking it's funny and the constant teasing, but enjoys the fun of it as much as others.

Miss Christmas, whose fame has spread all over the world, spends a considerable amount of time answering the many people who write her. She starts writing her Christmas cards in September.

Asked about marriage proposals and changing her name, Miss Christmas responded "Well, I've seriously thought about marriage a couple of times, but I was raised the old-fashioned way and I guess I'm looking for an old-fashioned type of person who thinks like I do. I really like the traditional things -- like Christmas."

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